GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
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COMPETITION OF IA WITH PRIVATE AIRLINES
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

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(a) The number of private operators operating on Indian skies at present ;

(b) The total revenue earned by the Government during the last three years from private operators;

(c) Whether the Indian Airlines is losing passengers due to private operators; and

(d) If so, the steps to augment Indian Airlines to attract more passengers?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a):- At present, there are 9 private scheduled airlines operating in the country including 1 cargo airline.

(b):- The information is being collected.

(c) and (d):- while the entry of several new private scheduled passenger airlines and substantial induction of capacity by existing as well as new scheduled passenger airlines has resulted in a drop in market share of Indian Airlines there continues to be growth in the number of passengers carried by Indian Airlines. To overcome this declining market share, Indian Airlines is augumenting capacity by inducting 4 3 new aircraft as well as taking aircraft on lease. Simultaneously, Indian Airlines constantly strives to improve its performance and image to remain competitive in the market.Some of the measures taken in this regard are market initiatives, product and service upgrades, in-flight initiatives, fleet augmentation/renewal, improvement in cabin ambience and rebranding corporate identity. Indian Airlines has also introduced various promotional fares/schemes to remain competitive and to improve traffic on its routes.